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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/764,066	THENTHIRUPERAI ET AL.
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	Gerald Gauthier	2614

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#### Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
  - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
  - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 February 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 22 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
  1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/22/04.

- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. **Claims 1-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wolfe et al. (US 6,507,817 B1).**

Regarding claims 1, 5 and 11-19, Wolfe discloses a method of using voice-enabled web based application server (column 1, lines 14-17), comprising the steps of: inserting a tag into the email, wherein said tag separates a first content in said email provided by a first source from a second content in said email provided by a second source (column 6, lines 19-39); transmitting said email to a system for rendering said email as speech wherein said system supports two or more different voice modes, detecting said tag, and wherein when said email is rendered as speech, said first content is rendered in a first voice mode and wherein said second content is rendered in a second voice mode, with the second voice mode being different from the first voice mode (column 6, lines 40-59).

Regarding **claims 2, 6, 20 and 33**, Wolfe discloses a method, wherein said first content comprises an original email message and wherein said second content comprises a reply email message to said original email message (column 6, lines 60-67).

Regarding **claims 3, 7, 21, 25 and 32**, Wolfe discloses a method, wherein said step of inserting a tag into the email is performed by an email client application (column 6, lines 14-18).

Regarding **claims 4, 8, 22, 26 and 31**, Wolfe discloses a method, wherein said step of inserting a tag into the email is performed by an email server (column 6, lines 7-14).

Regarding **claims 9, 23, 27 and 30**, Wolfe discloses a method, wherein said reply message comprises a voice memo in response to a specific portion of said original email message, and wherein the method further comprises the step of processing said email message to detect a tag associated with said voice memo, and responsively rendering said voice memo as speech (column 5, lines 26-36).

Regarding **claims 10, 24, 28 and 29**, Wolfe discloses a method, wherein said tag comprises a pointer to an object comprising said voice memo (column 5, lines 16-37).

***Conclusion***

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gerald Gauthier whose telephone number is (571) 272-7539. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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